

RESOLUTIONS

H.C.R. 86

WHEREAS, Awareness among patients, medical professionals, caregivers, and the public can play a crucial role in helping more people to live lives free of TD and the challenges and stigma associated with it, and the observance of TD Awareness Week in May 2019 will assist in promoting much-needed education on this important health issue; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby designate the first full week of May as TD Awareness Week and encourage all Texans to learn more about the risk factors and signs of tardive dyskinesia; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally passed by the legislature.

Price

Adopted by the House on May 10, 2019: Yeas 138, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting;
adopted by the Senate on May 22, 2019: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Filed without signature.

H.C.R. No. 79

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article III, Texas Constitution, provides that neither house of the legislature may adjourn for more than three days without the consent of the other house; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas, That each house grant the other permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, and ending on Monday, March 4, 2019.

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Adopted by the House on February 25, 2019: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting;
adopted by the Senate on February 26, 2019: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Filed without signature.

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H.C.R. No. 86

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Forever associated with Jim Bowie and the heroic Battle of the Alamo, the Bowie knife has long been a vivid and colorful symbol of the history and heritage of Texas; and

WHEREAS, It is thought that the first Bowie knife was made by Rezin Bowie, Jim's brother, during the 1820s, when the two siblings were in business together in Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana; after Jim was involved in a gunfight, Rezin gave him the large hunting knife for personal protection, and in September 1827, in the chaotic aftermath of a duel near Natchez, Louisiana, Jim used it to stab an assailant who was trying to kill him; the story of the "Sandbar Fight" ensured Jim's reputation as a deadly knife fighter, and all across the South, men began to ask blacksmiths to make them a knife like Jim Bowie's; and

WHEREAS, The weapon's fame grew when Jim Bowie took it with him to Texas, and

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he and other defenders of the Alamo are thought to have used the knives during the battle; the Bowie knife later became popular with the Texas Rangers who served under the legendary Jack Hays and Ben McCulloch, as well as with Confederate soldiers, who were known to engrave "Sunny South" and other mottoes on the blades of their knives; and

WHEREAS, During an era when guns often misfired, the Bowie knife was a valuable back-up weapon, and schools were set up to teach the technique of using the blade in a fight; knife makers throughout the country met the increasing demand by creating versions of the blade, and a journalist in Louisiana wrote that "all the steel in the country, it seemed, was immediately converted into Bowie knives"; they became internationally famous as well, and cutlers in the English steel town of Sheffield began crafting models that featured elaborately etched titles and slogans, such as "Arkansas Toothpick," "Rio Grande Camp Knife," and "Americans Never Surrender"; and

WHEREAS, The blade became less widely used as firearms became more reliable, but it has continued to be popular with hunters and collectors; designs have varied over the years, but today, the Bowie knife typically features a steel blade that is at least an inch and a half wide and eight inches long and between 3/16 and 1/4 inch thick, with a clip point that gives the weapon its distinctive shape; the knife's handle often incorporates an S-shaped guard, with the upper part angled forward so as to catch an opponent's blade during a fight; and

WHEREAS, In 1958, one scholar wrote that "in the history of American arms, three weapons stand out above all the rest: the Kentucky rifle, the Colt's revolver, and the Bowie knife"; since the days of the Alamo, the knife has served as an evocative reminder of Texas' storied past, and it is inextricably linked with the fierce and independent spirit of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby designate the Bowie knife as the official state knife of Texas.

Springer
Holland
Martinez Fischer
Gervin-Hawkins
Larson

Adopted by the House on May 7, 2019: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; adopted by the Senate on May 22, 2019: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Filed without signature.

H.C.R. No. 87

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Proud members of the Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce gathered to celebrate the organization's 100th anniversary at its annual banquet on February 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The chamber serves a small-town community situated in the heart of Dawson County, halfway between Dallas and El Paso, with a population just shy of 10,000; its members are dedicated to supporting growth and economic development in the area while enhancing the quality of life for their fellow residents; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the chamber has contributed to the vibrancy of the community through its sponsorship of numerous activities and events; these include the annual Chicken Fried Steak Festival, which honors Lamesa's status as the "Home of the Chicken Fried Steak," as well as much-anticipated Independence Day and Christmas celebrations and youth basketball tournaments; and

WHEREAS, While serving as an invaluable resource to local business leaders, the